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## RECENT LITERATURE.

**Macoun's 'Catalogue of Canadian Birds,' Part II.**—The first part of this important work appeared in 1900, and its general character and scope were so fully indicated in this journal (Vol. XVII, Oct., 1900, pp. 394, 395), that it remains now only to chronicle the appearance and extent of Part II,<sup>1</sup> which includes the Raptores, and the succeeding families of the A. O. U. Check-List to and including the Icteridæ. As in Part I, we have a compendium of the previously published information regarding the range and breeding areas of the species known to occur in North America north of the United States, supplemented by a large amount of hitherto unpublished material gathered by the members of the Canadian Geological Survey, and contributions from a large number of trustworthy correspondents. The authority is given for each record, whether published or unpublished, thus explicitly designating the sources of the information here presented. In the case of published records, the place of publication is often, but not always, explicitly stated. The 'Catalogue' also includes a list of the specimens in the Government Museum at Ottawa, with full data as to their place and date of capture, etc.

It is announced that Part III, completing the work, is ready for the press, and that it will be published during the coming winter. It will include such information relating to species mentioned in Parts I and II as may have been received since their publication, as well as an index to the three parts, and a complete bibliography of the authorities consulted in the preparation of the work. The 'Catalogue' will thus be a work of great permanent value, and a most important contribution to our knowledge of the distribution of North American birds.—J. A. A.

**Dresser's 'A Manual of Palæarctic Birds.'**<sup>2</sup>—In a work of some 950 pages Mr. Dresser manages to treat the 1219 species and subspecies of the

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<sup>1</sup> Geological Survey of Canada. | Robert Bell, M. D., Sc. D., (Cantab.), LL. D., F. R. S. | — | Catalogue | of | Canadian Birds. | — | Part II. | Birds of Prey, Woodpeckers, Fly-catchers, | Crows, Jays and Blackbirds. | Including the following orders: | Raptores, Cocyges, Pici, Macrochires, and Part | of the Passeres, | — | By | John Macoun, M. A., F. R. S. C., | Naturalist to the Geological Survey of Canada. | [Vignette.] Ottawa: | Printed by S. E. Dawson, Printer to the King's Most Excellent Majesty, | 1903.—8vo, pp. i-iv, + 11., pp. 219-413. Price, 10 cents.

<sup>2</sup> A Manual of | Palæarctic Birds | By H. E. Dresser, F. L. S., F. Z. S., etc. | Author of "The Birds of Europe" | [Vignette] London | Published by the Author at 3 Hanover Square, W.—8vo, Part I, 1902, pp. 1-498, and frontispiece; Part II, 1903, pp. i-vii, 499-922, 8ll. unpagged, and frontispiece. Price, 25 s. net; thin paper copies, 30 s. net.